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1. About 200 infantry troops, portions of partisan personnel and two tanks have crossed the border and deserted to the Yugoslavs. The Soviets immediately occupied all strategic border posts. The IVD questioned Bulgarian troop commanders and officers, arresting two battalion commanders of 22 Infantry Regiment and the commander of 156 Infantry Regiment.
2. The Bulgarian Communist Party is beginning to move against smaller figures in an effort to combat the growing nationalist tendency among the workers. This tendency is partly attributed to the activities of Tito agents in Bulgaria. Nationalism among the Bulgarian people is growing rapidly into a full blown movement.

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